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HERNDON TOWN COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVES INCLUSION OF HERNDON IN PHASE II DULLES RAIL TAX DISTRICT

Herndon, VA (November 11, 2009) – By a vote of seven to zero, the Herndon Town Council last night approved a resolution that designates commercial, industrial and multi-unit rental residential properties located within the town boundaries to be included in a special Phase II tax district to fund construction of a mass transit rail system in the western part of the Dulles Corridor.

At a public hearing held prior to the council's vote, officials from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Western Area Rail to Dulles, the Committee for Dulles, the Herndon Chamber of Commerce and other organizations testified in support of Herndon's inclusion in the proposed tax district. Business owners and citizens also testified, with some in opposition to creation of the tax district but the majority expressing support for the plan.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is slated to vote on the tax district at its public hearing in December. The maximum potential initial rate in the proposed district is estimated at 20 cents per 100 dollars of real estate value, once the transportation improvements are operational.

Phase I of the Dulles Rail project, which extends Metrorail through Tyson's Corner and ends at Wiehle Avenue, is currently under construction. Phase II of the project would extend the service to Dulles Airport and into Loudoun County, with stops at Reston Parkway, Herndon-Monroe and Route 28. The project is currently projected to be completed in 2016.

For more information and relevant links to the Dulles Rail project, visit www.herndon-va.gov/planning/zoning.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named

Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs," and *Money* Magazine has ranked Herndon among its "Best Places for the Rich and Single."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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